

Saul Green has dedicated his life, both professionally and personally, to the service of his community. Since graduating from the University of Michigan law school in 1972, Saul has been a lawyer dedicated to serving the public interest. He began his career in the law as an Assistant United States Attorney. However, he quickly became chief counsel for the Detroit Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He served in this capacity from 1976 until 1989 when he was asked to serve as the Wayne County Corporation Counsel.

It was while serving as corporation counsel that President Clinton nominated Saul to be the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. His nomination was confirmed by the Senate on May 6, 1994. The position of U.S. Attorney is not an easy one for it requires that one enforce and interpret the laws of our great Nation. Difficult as this position may be, for nearly 7 years Saul capably and honorably served as U.S. Attorney.

In addition to these activities, Saul Green is a leader in his church and with numerous community projects. He has worked on several Weed and Seed projects in the Eastern District of Michigan, sponsored an Explorer Scouts Troop and worked with a Drug Education Youth Camp. On account of his leadership with these projects, he received the Damon J. Keith Community Spirit Award. Saul is also a life member of the NAACP.

Saul has been an active alumnus of his alma mater, the University of Michigan. In addition to serving on the university's board of directors, he currently is the vice president of the U of M alumni association. His devotion to the maize and blue was acknowledged in 1994 when the University of Michigan awarded him the Leonard F. Sain Esteemed Alumni Award.

I hope my Senate colleagues will join me in saluting Saul A. Green for his career of public service, particularly the commitment to justice and law enforcement he embodied while serving as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for nearly 7 years.●

RECOGNIZING FABIAN CHAVEZ, JR.

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, recently during the 45th Session of the New Mexico State Senate, Fabian Chavez, Jr., was honored for his many accomplishments. This recognition coincided with the 40th anniversary of the founding of the University of New Mexico's School of Medicine and the establishment of an Endowed Chair for Population Health Research at the school, in his honor.

Fabian Chavez should be commended for his many years of service. He served for 10 years in the New Mexico legislature, including 2 years in the house of representatives and 8 years in the State senate, elected to the position of senate majority floor leader during his tenure. During these years in the New

Mexico State legislature, he fought to reform the Justice of Peace System and Liquor Control Laws. In 1961, he began appropriations to start the University of New Mexico's School of Medicine. His many accomplishments are far too many to list individually, but are visible on a daily basis.

Because of his dedication, his fellow colleagues continue to look to Fabian for advice, counsel, and guidance, usually receiving immediate response without any hesitation.

He has continued his devotion by serving as the State Insurance Superintendent, the Assistant U.S. Secretary of Commerce, the State Department of Development Director and the State Tourism Director. He is happiest when he is pursuing a goal in the name of justice, in particular in his role on the board of directors of the Public Employees Retirement Association.

Fabian Chavez is not only a great Public Servant, but a friend to the people of New Mexico. I commend Fabian for his hard work and have the privilege of joining with the New Mexico State Legislature in congratulating Fabian on this special occasion.

I ask that the Congratulations Resolution passed by the New Mexico Legislature be printed in the RECORD.

The resolution follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, Fabian Chavez, Jr., has devoted his adult life to Public Service, serving in the New Mexico Legislature for Ten Years, including Two Years in the House of Representatives and Eight Years in the New Mexico State Senate; and

Whereas, "Fabian," as he is simply known to everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting him, also served as the State Insurance Superintendent, the Assistant United States Secretary of Commerce, the State Department of Development Director and the State Tourism Director; and

Whereas, Fabian is happiest when he is bucking the System to pursue a goal in the Name of Justice, a characteristic that he displays to this day in his Role on the Board of Directors of the Public Employees Retirement Association; and

Whereas, Fabian distinguishes himself at virtually everything he does, as evidenced by everything from the Five Battle Stars he earned during his Career in the Army and his Election by his colleagues to the position of Senate Majority Floor Leader; and

Whereas, Fabian's Legislative Accomplishments, which are too many to list, are highlighted by his reform of the Justice of the Peace System and Liquor Control Laws, his work on Anti-Discrimination Laws and an Appropriation in 1961 to begin the University of New Mexico School of Medicine; and

Whereas, on this, the Fortieth Anniversary of the Founding of the School of Medicine, Fabian Chavez, Jr., is being Honored with an Endowed Chair for Population Health Research at the School; and

Whereas, the Members of the Senate of the State of New Mexico, who are still privileged to receive Advice, Counsel and Guidance from Fabian, almost all of it Unsolicited, continue to consider Fabian as not just a Friend, but also as a Trusted Colleague in Public Service; and

Whereas, the Senate takes Great Pride in being able to be Associated with Fabian Chavez, Jr.: *Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Mexico, That Fa-*

bian Chavez, Jr., be Thanked for all his work on behalf of the Residents of the State of New Mexico and that he be Congratulated for the Latest Recognition he has received.●

RETIREMENT OF BILL GEORGE AS CEO OF MEDTRONIC CORPORATION

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise today to praise Bill George, a constituent who is a valued member of the Minnesota community and a good friend, on the occasion of his retirement as CEO of Medtronic Corporation.

The first comment I should make is that there is something very unique about Bill George and that uniqueness has translated into the way he has led Medtronic.

Medtronic is one of the world's leading medical technology companies, providing lifelong solutions for people with chronic disease. Its preeminence is due in large part to the leadership of Bill George, its CEO since 1991. During his tenure, Bill George has transformed Medtronic into a company that employs 25,000 people in 120 countries, and has scientific, manufacturing, education, and sales facilities worldwide.

The company has extended its core technological competencies so that they now make pacemakers and a whole host of devices for patients facing cardiac arrest and heart failure. The company also makes devices for patients dealing with spasticity associated with cerebral palsy, cancer and cancer pain, neurological disorders like Parkinsons, and women's health conditions like incontinence. Bill George's philosophy of excellence has led the company to seek those opportunities where it can excel. The products it has produced and the relief it has brought to patients testify to the success of Bill's philosophy.

I am told that every three seconds, somewhere in the world, a Medtronic product is used to save or enhance someone's life.

Bill George doesn't just think about his company and its future. He has a vision for the health care system in this country and has worked to align the company's goals with that vision. His vision of holistic, patient-centered care that is enabled by the technological leaps we are making today is reflected in the planning he has done for the future. Bill instituted Vision 2010 to focus Medtronic on the nexus of the rapid developments happening in medical technology, computer technology, drug therapy and gene therapy in order to develop even better, more advanced treatments for chronic diseases in the next 10 years.

During Bill's tenure, Medtronic has encouraged innovation by launching a "Science and Technology Are Rewarding" program, with \$3 million in grants. Under Bill George's leadership, the Medtronic Foundation has reached out to patient groups in unprecedented ways, giving \$12 million in grants to non-profit organizations in communities worldwide last year. I want to